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Car-Crazy Citizens Cry as Cap-Copping Cads Cop Caps

What cad copped the caps? That's what Mrs. W. C. Brandes, 164 Via la Circula, would like to know, since she and her husband have lost six sets of hubcaps during the past year. A Long Beach firm came

to her rescue last week and informed her that it would furnish her with some theftproof clamps, to keep the wheel discs securely on her car.

Somebody took the hubcaps from her auto as she was attending night classes at Narbonne High School, she reported, but the other thefts were from her home, four of them while the car was parked in the driveway. She almost reached the point of asking guests to bring their hubcaps into the house when they came calling.

Many Victims
The plight of the Brandes family is a little more extreme than that of most residents, but every month police are plagued with plenty of calls regarding such losses. A recent check showed that during a two-month period some 84 persons reported the theft of one or more of the chrome ornaments, mostly of the fancy variety.

Most popular among the sub-caps stolen are those of the "spinner" or wire-wheel variety. Thieves generally turn up their noses at some of the older makes. Often the missing caps turn up on models driven by the younger set.

Unless residents write their license numbers on the outside of the hubcaps, there is little that the police can do in apprehending them. Because of a recent court decision, police cannot check older cars bearing suspiciously expensive hubcaps without a search warrant.

Numbers in Caps
Police urged residents to have their license numbers

written on the outside of their hubcaps with an electric pencil. This mark can be eradicated, but not easily, they reported.

If the number on the hubcaps does not correspond with the number of the car, then the police have a basis for checking the situation, they reported.

Some of the hubcaps are quite valuable. A check with local auto dealers showed that a set of the little wheel discs may run from \$14 to \$140.

Policeman Loses Caps
One local policeman who was plagued with thefts of the hubcaps on his own car reported that he had bolted the discs to his wheel.

"They can be removed," he said, "but it's an awful lot of trouble."

Other companies feature clamps which fasten the caps securely to the wheel, and some even guarantee that they cannot be stolen.

Meanwhile, one of the surest ways to prevent hubcaps from being stolen is to sport such beaten-up models that nobody would want to steal them.

ENERGY NEEDS

About 600 pounds of coal must be consumed in a power-house boiler to light one average residence for one year.

NOT ELIGIBLE

Sheriffs and members of the clergy are not eligible for election to membership in the houses of parliament.

Methodists Announce \$85,000 Goal for New Riviera Church

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Hollywood Riviera's Methodists gathered last Friday evening at Walteria Park Recreation Hall to dine and discuss. After dinner, the more than 120 persons attending took a look at the renderings of their new church which they will build in Hollywood Riviera. This week, the drive is underway with the announced goal of \$85,000. The building site, already purchased, lies just north of Calle Miramar on the west side of Palos Verdes Blvd. Rev. Thomas Dillard, minister of the church, estimates that about \$95,000 is needed to build the first unit, with a gift from the Mission Board of the Methodist Church bridging the difference between the congregation's goal of \$85,000 and the estimated total.

Richard Neutra, of the distinguished firm of Neutra and Alexander, F. A. I. A., designed the new church building. The first unit will consist of a chapel, Sunday school rooms, offices and a kitchen.

Russell Ibbotson, 225 Vista del Parque, and John Berthel, 237 Via Anita, are associate campaign chairmen in charge of the building fund drive now underway. Rivieraans wishing to help in the campaign may reach the chairmen by calling FR 5-8417 or 5-8472.

Hostess to a cocktail party in St. Patrick's Day theme was Mrs. R. W. Klock, 228 Via los Miradores. The affair, held March 14, was for members of Las Vecinas. Guests included Mmes. A. P. O'Keefe, Herchel Kopp, A. G. Koester, Phillip Downing, William Reid, August Murzeis, Lee Washington, Robert Anderson, M. G. Wil-

son, John Wajti, Jack Doyle, Roy Nash, Tom O'Malley, John Beitman, William Manfress, David Hurford, and C. S. Candler.

Everett Gregory, 320 Calle Mayor, ran himself right into the hospital when he rammed the rear end of a car temporarily stopped on Sepulveda Blvd. last week. The other driver was not hurt but Gregory, together with Mrs. Gregory, was taken to the South Bay Emergency hospital for treatment. Mrs. Gregory was not hurt, but he was treated for lacerations of the knee and lip and bruises elsewhere on his body.

Speaking of hospitals, Mrs. Gary Ford was admitted to the Gardena hospital last Sunday for tolerance tests and consultations looking towards surgery on her heart. Mrs. Ford, you may recall, is the Rivieraan who laid on her floor with a heart attack for almost an hour last year while an ambulance, blocked by the iron curtain posts, vainly raced back and forth trying to find a way through to her. It took a police car, winding its way down the hills from Mrs. Ford's home and back up into Palos Verdes Estates, to guide the ambulance to the Ford home. I hope this never happens to any of you, but I won't guarantee it as long as Palos Verdes keeps their iron posts in the streets.

Torrance Planning commissioners agreed last week to hold up further discussions on rezoning that Riviera beachfront property until the case is tried in Inglewood Superior court.

Honored with a super spectacular shower last week was Mrs. William Hayes, 131 Via la Circula. The stork party, hosted triply by Mmes. Don Moore, Jack Baldwin, and Helen Hayes, was held at McCulloch's in Inglewood. The festive tables were covered with pink carnations and traditional decorated cakes and coffee were served. Rivieraans present at the occasion included Mmes. Lamar Bonnette, Fred Gibbs, Howard Smith, Al Koester, John Shaeffer, William Morgan, Clark Portzer, Ivan McElroy, Elizabeth Billmeier, George Reynolds, Kenneth Cardinell, William Mason, Ralph Borgeson and Robert Herrick and Miss Joan Cardinell.

Lee Kendall, popular Hollywood Riviera, is chairman of the citizen's committee assisting the Salvation Army in their annual Salvage Week campaign. He reminds you that articles in your garage or closet not being used can help homeless and handicapped men get a new start in life. If you can help, he urges you call the Salvation Army in Redondo Beach today.

Congratulations to Juanita Watson, 5501 Via del Valle, a

Palos Verdes Riviera, who won the full tuition, four year scholarship to Marymount of Palos Verdes. She placed first ahead of 75 other candidates coming from over twenty-five public and parochial schools. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Watson, are undoubtedly the proudest parents in the eleven western states this week.

Mrs. Robert McIntosh, 313 Via Colusa, stepped down this week from the presidency of the Carmelita Guild of Children's Hospital. She is succeeded by Mrs. Dudley Gray of Gardena. At the ceremonies, held last week at the Sky Room of the Wilton in Long Beach, Mrs. McIntosh was presented with an engraved gold bracelet.

There'll be gay doings at 224 Via la Circula on the night of April 6. That's the night the Doug Jarvis' have planned for an after-theater party for a group of their friends. The group plans to enjoy Hampton Players' current "Present Laughter" production, then repair to the Via la Circula home for a party. Included in the group will be Messrs. and Mmes. Al Koester, Peter Thatcher, Robert Byrne, Amby Schindler, and Robert Mills.

First stop at a progressive dinner planned by the Torrance Lioness club on Saturday April 6, will be the home of Mrs. Abe Robinson, III Via Sego. The occasion is Husband's Night for the Lionesses, and the dinner will progress homes, ending up at the Don Moshos' home in Rolling Hills.

More honors for Hollywood Riviera! The 1957 Executive Committee award by the Society of the Plastic Industry, Inc. was given to W. Brandt Goldsworthy, who resides at 305 Calle Miramar. He's a plastic consultant, and president of the So. Calif. chapter of the Society of Plastic Industry. His activities include work in the development of the reinforced Corvette body and invention of a machine for continuous extrusion of plastic for use in manufacturing towel rods, fishing poles, and window frames.

Two Rivieraans recently opened their homes to a travel themed progressive dinner held by the Pi Beta Phi alums. Main course of the dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Byrd, 529 Via la Selva, while dessert and entertainment were dished up at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. John Kluga, 326 Camino del Campo. The travel theme will continue at the next meeting of the alumnae, scheduled for April 9. Foreign exchange students living in this area have been invited to speak. Pi Beta Phi alums are invited and may phone Mrs. Byrd at FR 5-3800 for further information.

Here's a tip for PTA's around the area: there's nothing like "Father-Student" spell-down

to bounce an evening into high gear. That's the report from Riviera PTA, whose recent spell-down set some 175 persons attending on the edges of their chairs. Battling on the father's side were Ray Hole, John Bell, Mason Mallory, Al Thompson and Mickey Panovich. Students in the competition were Mike Behrendt, Joyce Snyder, and Bini Matute of the seventh grade; Denise Mozab and Christine Downing of the eighth grade.

After a rousing battle of words, time was called with only one father and one student left standing. Mickey Panovich was the accomplished father while Joyce Snyder was the only student still in the competition at game's end. Mrs. Markie Sparks is president of the Riviera PTA. Standard Spelling seventh and eighth grade spelling books were used.

Bill Van Nice, 150 Calle de Andalucia, knows now what it means when they say "It never rains but it pours." Friday afternoon on Loyola campus where Bill is taking law and business courses, his 1954 Buick was stolen. In the Buick were (1) all his text books (2) all his finished lessons and records (3) his uniform (4) the coat to a \$125 suit, (5) his two-week pay check from Hughes. Just like being kicked in the stomach, isn't it?

If any of you see a 1954 red Buick with white top with the license LRH 807, let Bill and the police know. He needs the car for transportation, the books and lessons for midterms next week, the uniform to work in at Hughes, the coat to complete his suit, and the pay check for food.

Traffic Injuries

A motorcyclist and two youngsters were injured in a pair of traffic accidents here on Wednesday night and Friday, police report.

James L. Richardson, 21, of 2610 W. 182nd St., suffered hip, leg, head and internal hurts when his two-wheeler was involved in a collision with an auto at 190th St. and Arlington Ave., Wednesday night.

He was taken to Harbor General Hospital, where his condition was described as serious Saturday.

The motorist, Archie Lewis, 40, of Chino, was not hurt. Michael Hinton, 2 1/2, and Jeffery Hinton, 16 months, suffered minor hurts in a two-car crash Friday at Cabrillo Ave. and Lincoln St.

Motorists were their mother, Mrs. Bernadine Hinton, 23, of 19406 Sturges Ave., and Robert Carroll, 38, of 4504 Darien St.

Plant Wins Award

For the fourth consecutive year the Torrance Works of U. S. Steel's Columbia - Geneva Steel Division placed first in the steel mill classification at the eighth annual Business and Industry Safety Contest sponsored by the Greater Los Angeles Safety Council.

Accepting the plaque on behalf of Torrance employees at the annual banquet at the Ambassador hotel in Los Angeles Wednesday were H. P. Dotson, assistant general superintendent, and E. J. Ahlstrom, supervisor of safety and plant protection.

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